REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 15-16, 18-19, 26-27, 29-30, 35, 36, and 38-39 are currently pending, Claims 26-27, 29-30, 35, 36, and 38-39 having been amended, and Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 12-14, 17, 20, 23-25, 28, 33-34, 37, and 40 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. The changes and additions to the claims do not add new matter and are supported by the originally filed specification.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 12-14, 17, 20, 23-25, 28, 33-34, 37, and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sugar et al. (U.S. 7,194,237, hereafter "Sugar") in view of Pautler et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0185309, hereafter "Pautler") and Onggosanusi et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2004/0076224, hereafter "Onggosanusi"). The examiner has allowed Claims 5, 6, 8, 9, 15-16, 18-19, 26-27, 29-30, 35, and 38-39.

Applicants thank the examiner for the indication of allowed claims. In view of this indication, rejected Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 12-14, 17, 20, 23-25, 28, 33-34, 37, and 40 are presently canceled.

Applicants note that the present amendment to each of allowed Claims 26-27, 29-30, 35, and 38-39 is for correcting a minor informality only.

Furthermore, Applicants note that dependent Claim 36 was not indicated as rejected on <u>any</u> of the of the previous Office Actions or the Advisory Action of April 16, 2010. Therefore, Applicants assume that the examiner believes Claim 36 to have allowable subject matter since no ground of rejection has been issued for this claim.

Therefore, Claim 36 is presently amended to be in independent form while incorporating features similar to respective previous base claim 33. Applicants note that the features of

Claim 33 incorporated into Claim 36 are similar to those features of Claim 33 which were incorporated into Claims 35, 38, and 39 in the Amendment submitted August 31, 2009.

Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that amended Claim 36 should be allowed.

If the amendment to Claim 36 is not entered and allowed then Applicants submit that the examiner must submit a new Office Action which properly indicates the grounds of rejection for Claim 36 since there is currently no outstanding ground of rejection for this claim.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the outstanding grounds for rejection are rendered moot. The present application is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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